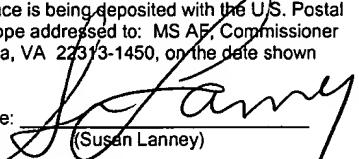




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**COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO MAY 17, 2005 FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

An office action was mailed on May 17, 2005 in connection with the subject application. The office action provided a period of three months for filing a response, *i.e.* by August 17, 2005. Accordingly, this communication is being timely filed.